II. AMENDENT OF THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title of the Application to read:

"Methods For The Analysis Of Microcolonies Of Bacteria And Yeast"

Please amend the abstract of the Application to read:

"This invention is related to methods pertaining to the determination of bacteria and yeast wherein the methods comprise: a) filtering a sample containing bacteria and yeast through at least one filter; b) treating the filter or filters with a medium which facilitates the growth of the bacteria and yeast; c) growing the bacteria and yeast on the filter or filters to thereby produce colonies or microcolonies of the bacteria and yeast; d) fixing the colonies or microcolonies to the filter or filters; e) treating each filter under suitable hybridization conditions with one or more enzyme labeled PNA probes wherein, each PNA probe comprises a probing nucleobase sequence complementary to a target sequence in the nucleic acid of the bacteria and/or yeast; f) removing excess enzyme labeled PNA probe from each of the filters; and g) determining enzyme activity remaining on each filter to thereby identify or enumerate colonies or microcolonies on the filter or filters."

Please amend the section entitled: "Cross Reference to Related Applications" at page 2 of the application as follows"

The application is a division of USSN 09/822,763 filed on March 30, 2001 (now US Pat. No. 6,656,687) which is a continuation of USSN 09/368,089 filed on August 3, 1999 (now US Pat. No. 6,280,945). ~~This~~ which application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/095,628 filed on August 7, 1998, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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